

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please, replace page 16, lines 7-8 of the specification with the following replacement text:

5 The control plane 908 performs call and connection control functions, including call set-up, supervision, and release. As depicted in the figure, it is generally responsible for signaling and other control functions 916.

10 Please, also replace lines 19-22 on page 24 of the specification with the following replacement text:

FIG. 15 is a flow diagram illustrating a method 1700 for communicating an event status across a data channel according to an alternative embodiment of the present invention. ~~Blocks 1704-1710 of method 1700 correspond to blocks 1602-1608 in the method 1600 illustrated in FIG. 14.~~ Blocks 1704, 1706, 1708, and 1710 of method 1700 correspond to
15 blocks 1602, 1604, 1606, and 1608, respectively, in the method 1600 illustrated in FIG. 14.
In block 1702, the data signal is converted into the data unit at the originating device.

Please, also replace lines 2-8 on page 25 of the specification with the following replacement text:

20 FIG. 16 is a flow diagram illustrating a method 1800 for communicating an event status across a data channel according to another alternative embodiment of the present invention. ~~Blocks 1802-1810 correspond to blocks 1702-1710 in the method 1700.~~ Blocks
1802, 1804, 1806, 1808, and 1810 of method 1800 correspond to blocks 1702, 1704, 1706,

and 1708, respectively, of method 1700 illustrated in FIG. 15. In block 1812, the data unit is converted into a recovered data signal at the receiving device. The recovered data signal will preferably be identical to the data signal transmitted by the originating device. The order of the blocks in FIG. 16 need not be as shown to implement the present invention.

5 Alternative orderings may also be used.

Please, also replace lines 13-19 on page 26 of the specification with the following replacement text:

FIG. 21 is a flow diagram illustrating a method 2300 for determining an event status
10 in a first ATM device operable to receive ATM cells via an ATM connection from a second ATM device. ~~Blocks 2302-2306 correspond to blocks 2202-2206 in the method 2200.~~
Blocks 2302, 2304, and 2306 of method 2300 correspond to blocks 2202, 2204, and 2206,
respectively, of method 2200 illustrated in FIG. 20. In block 2308, the ATM cell is converted into a recovered data signal. The recovered data signal is preferably identical to
15 the data signal operated on at the second ATM device. The order of the method blocks in the method 2300 need not be as shown. Alternative orderings may also be used to implement the present invention.

Please, also replace page 5, line 22 - page 6, line 4 of the specification with the following replacement text:

20 In a ~~fifth~~ sixth embodiment, a method for determining an event status is provided for use in a first ATM device operable to receive ATM cells via an ATM connection from a second ATM device. The method includes receiving an ATM cell across the

ATM connection, where the ATM cell originates at the second ATM device. An event status indicator is detected in a control portion of the ATM cell. The event status indicator is then decoded to determine an event status.